

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACTS, 1881 AND 1887;" "THE
LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885-1886;" AND "THE
PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885,"

DURING THE MONTH OF

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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1891.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," up to the 28th day of February, 1891; also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1885-1886," and under "The Purchase of Land (Ireland) Act, 1885."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) In Court.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st January, 1891,	170,632		Rents Fixed—		
Applications received in month of February, 1891,	166		By Chief Commission to 31st January, 1891,	3,452	
			" in month of Feb., 1891,	24	3,476
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st January, 1891,	8,074	170,867	By Sub-Commissions to 31st January, 1891,	133,802	
Do. in month of February, 1891,	22		" in month of Feb., 1891,	643	134,445
			Dismissed and struck out—		
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st January, 1891,	27,734	8,096	By Chief Commission to 31st January, 1891,	2,000	
Applications received in month of February, 1891,	20		" in month of Feb., 1891,	7	2,007
			By Sub-Commissions to 31st January, 1891,	34,517	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st Jan., 1891,	1,152	27,744	" in month of Feb., 1891,	334	34,841
Do. in month of February, 1891,	3		Withdrawn*—		
			By Chief Commission to 31st January, 1891,	4,745	
			" in month of Feb., 1891,	39	4,784
			By Sub-Commissions to 31st January, 1891,	8,525	
			" in month of Feb., 1891,	46	8,571
Total,	—	208,021	Total disposed of,	—	188,194

(b.) Out of Court.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 33, fixing Fair Rent to 31st January, 1891,	107,335
Do., do. in month of February, 1891,	361
Total,	107,696

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to 31st Jan., 1891, . . .	1,909
Applications received to 31st January, 1891, . . .	1,136		" in month of February, 1891, . . .	34
Applications received in month of February, 1891, . . .	13	1,139		
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st January, 1891, . . .	27			
Do. in month of Feb., 1891, . . .	—	27		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 51) received to 31st January, 1891, . . .	983			
Applications in month of Feb., 1891, . . .	6	987		
Total, . . .	—	2,135	Total disposed of, . . .	1,954

* The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its sanction upon the true value of a tenancy, for rent, arbitrage of law, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1889, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2.)—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 31st February, 1889,†	55	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Jan., 1891,	50	
		" in month of Feb., 1891,	—	20
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1891,	25	
		" in month of Feb., 1891,	—	25
		Applications withdrawn or compro- mised to 31st Jan., 1891,	3	
		" in month of Feb., 1891,	—	3
Total, . . .	55	Total disposed of, . . .	—	43

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 31st February, 1890.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 31st Jan., 1891,	9	Applications granted to 31st Jan., 1891,	—	
" in month of Feb., 1891,	—	" in month of February, 1891,	—	—
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st January, 1891,	3	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1891,	5	
" in month of February, 1891,	—	" in month of February, 1891,	1	6
	3	Applications withdrawn to 31st January, 1891,	1	
		" in month of February, 1891,	—	1
Total, . . .	—	Total disposed of, . . .	—	7

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885—1886.

Applications received to 31st Jan., 1891,	5,023	Rents fixed to 31st Jan., 1891,	2,334	2,337
" in February, 1891,	16	" in February, 1891,	3	
		Applications disclosed, struck rent, and withdrawn to 31st Jan., 1891,	254	255
		" in February, 1891,	1	
Total,	5,039	Total disposed of,	—	2,592

VI.—APPEALS TO FAIR RENT, &c.

Number of Appeals lodged to 31st Jan., 1891,	56,451	Number heard to 31st Jan., 1891,	14,273	14,506
" in month of Feb., 1891,	311	" in month of Feb., 1891,	233	
		Number disclosed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1891,	*1,076	891
		" in month of Feb., 1891,	—	
		Deduct cases reinstated to 28th February, 1891,	1,076	14,904
		" in month of Feb., 1891,	275	
		Number withdrawn to 31st Jan., 1891,	14,715	30,211
		" in month of Feb., 1891,	188	
Total,	56,668	Total Number disposed of,	—	6,451
		Remaining to be disposed of,	—	36,032

* In 645 cases the Notices were struck out because rents were not lodged as required by Rule 74, and in 431 cases because the Notices were not duly stamped. Of the former 23 cases, and of the latter 212 cases, were reinstated.

VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1885.

	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st January, 1891,	24,469	£ 4,020,819
" in February, 1891,	334	140,754
	25,103	4,161,573
Loans sanctioned to 31st January, 1891,	18,930	7,832,034
" in February, 1891,	365	130,379
	19,295	7,962,413
Loans issued to 31st January, 1891,	14,284	6,037,036
" in February 1891,	137	61,554
	14,421	6,098,590

CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1891.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 28th day of February, 1891.

I. FAIR RENT.

(a) In Court.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st January, 1891,	24,598		Reinstated to 31st January, 1891,	12,505	
Applications received in month of February, 1891,	75		" in month of February, 1891,	49	
					12,554
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st January, 1891,	3,555	24,673	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1891,	2,639	
Applications received in month of February, 1891,	8		" in month of February, 1891,	7	
					2,646
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an ejectment is pending, to 31st January, 1891,	1,803	3,563	Applications withdrawn* to 31st January, 1891,	283	
Applications received in month of February, 1891,	2		" in month of February, 1891,	—	
					283
		1,805	Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st January, 1891,	8,974	
			" in month of February, 1891,	24	
					8,998
Total,	—	20,041	Total disposed of,	—	24,881

(b) Out of Court.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 33, fixing Fair Rent to 31st January, 1891,	7,022	
Do., do., in month of February, 1891,	2	
Total,	7,024	

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications to leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to 31st January, 1891,	167	
Applications received to 31st January, 1891,	466		" in month of February, 1891,	1	
Applications received in month of February, 1891,	3				168
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 81), received to 31st January, 1891,	8	468	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Jan., 1891,	27	
Applications received in month of February, 1891,	—		Transferred in month of February, 1891,	—	
					27
		3			
Total,	—	411	Total disposed of,	—	195

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2).—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1891,*	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Jan., 1891,	—	
		" in month of February, 1891,	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st January, 1891,	6	
		" in month of February, 1891,	—	
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st January, 1891,	—	
		" in month of February, 1891,	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st January, 1891,	—	
		" in month of February, 1891,	—	
Total,	6	Total disposed of,	—	6

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1891.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 31st January, 1891,	20	Applications granted to 31st January, 1891,	1	
" in month of February, 1891,	—	" in month of February, 1891,	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Jan., 1891,	2	
		" in month of February, 1891,	1	
		Applications withdrawn to 31st January, 1891,	1	
		" in month of February, 1891,	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st January, 1891,	3	
		" in month of February, 1891,	—	
Total,	20	Total disposed of,	—	8

Irish Land Commission, }
14th March, 1891.

JOHN H. FRANKS.